



STRANDVELD

VINEYARDS

ELIM • CAPE AGULHAS • SOUTH AFRICA

strandveld refers to the coastal belt of land which straddles the coastline around africa's southernmost tip at cape agulhas. this confluence of maritime climate, varying sites and soil types creates the diversity of terroir that distinguishes the wines of strandveld.

driven by a deep passion for premium quality wines and the spirit of discovery, strandveld vineyards stands proudly as the southernmost winery in africa. unique in every sense of the word, our wines reflect their wild origins of diverse terroir and a maritime climate through remarkable complexity and singularity.

STRANDVELD POFADDERBOS SAUVIGNON BLANC 2020

Strandveld Sauvignon Blanc is made from vines grown on a cool south-easterly facing slope of the Elim wine ward. Surrounded by local Elim Fynbos these vineyards are known for their frequent encounters with Puff Adder snakes, hence the name "Pofadderbos". The unique Strandveld terroir is beautifully expressed in these vineyards which grow in almost 100% yellow ferricrete rocky soil. The modest crop ripens slowly in our cool climate, without the loss of flavour.

VINTAGE

The growing season started with a very dry spring and less wind than normal. Everything was going well until we were hit with a full force, late cold front on the 28th October. A hail storm with stones the size of Shiraz berries driven by a gale force South West wind hit and we saw the leaves and shoots getting ripped off. Within 10 minutes the damage was done. However, the resulting 4.3 ton per hectare harvested in February and March has made amazing wines. In the middle of January a Black South Easter raged for 10 days, accompanied by 115mm of rain and very high humidity. By the 4th of February harvest was in full swing and despite my worries the grapes came into the cellar with no sour-rot and only a small percentage of botrytis. The wines from the 2020 harvest are fresh and elegant with almost 1% less alcohol than the norm.

GRAPE VARIETIES

100% Sauvignon Blanc

AGE OF VINES

17 years

CLONES

SB316

VINIFICATION

Innovative winemaking techniques, cold fermentation with selected yeast strains in stainless steel tanks and lees contact for four months.

WINE ANALYSIS

Alcohol 12.8%
Residual sugar 2.7 g/litre
Total Acidity 6.4 g/litre
PH 3.33

TASTING NOTE

A powerful nose with aromas of fig leaf and khakibos, reminiscent of freshly crushed Sauvignon Blanc grapes, delicate white pear and hints of asparagus which will develop with aging. The palate welcomes you with fresh acidity and chalky minerality creating a full wine with remarkable freshness and length.

